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# S. 757

To correct the tariff rate inversion on certain iron and steel pipe and tube products.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2 (legislative day, MARCH 3), 1993

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. WOFFORD, Mr. SIMON, and Mr. GLENN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To correct the tariff rate inversion on certain iron and steel pipe and tube products.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pipe and Tube In-  
5 verted Tariff Correction Act of 1993”.

### 6 **SEC. 2. NONALLOY IRON AND STEEL PIPES AND TUBES.**

7 (a) The superior article description for subheadings  
8 7306.30.30 and 7306.30.50 of the Harmonized Tariff  
9 Schedule of the United States (19 U.S.C. 3007) is amend-

1 ed to read as follows: “Having a wall thickness of 1.65  
2 mm or more, not galvanized”.

3 (b) Subheadings 7306.30.30 and 7306.30.50 of such  
4 Schedule are redesignated as subheadings 7306.30.35 and  
5 7306.30.55, respectively.

6 (c) Subheadings 7306.10.10, 7306.20.60, 7306.30.55  
7 (as redesignated by subsection (b)), and 7306.90.10 of  
8 such Schedule are each amended—

9 (1) by striking “1.9%” in the General  
10 subcolumn of the column 1 rate of duty and insert-  
11 ing “4.9%”; and

12 (2) by striking “5.5%” in the column 2 rate of  
13 duty and inserting “20%”.

14 (d) Subheadings 7306.20.20 and 7306.60.10 of such  
15 Schedule are each amended—

16 (1) by striking “0.5%” in the General  
17 subcolumn of the column 1 rate of duty and insert-  
18 ing “4.9%”; and

19 (2) by striking “1%” in the column 2 rate of  
20 duty and inserting “20%”.

21 (e) Chapter 73 of such Schedule is amended by in-  
22 serting in numerical sequence the following new sub-  
23 heading having the same degree of indentation as the su-  
24 perior text for subheadings 7306.30.35 and 7306.30.55  
25 (as redesignated by subsection (b)):

“	7306.30.60	Having a wall thickness of 1.65 mm or more, galvanized .....	6.5%	Free (C, E, IL) 1.1% (CA)	21.5%	”.
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**1 SEC. 3. ALLOY IRON AND STEEL PIPES AND TUBES.**

2 Subheadings 7306.50.50 and 7306.90.50 of the Har-  
3 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States are each  
4 amended—

5 (1) by striking “4.9%” in the General  
6 subcolumn of the column 1 rate of duty and insert-  
7 ing “9.5%”; and

8 (2) by striking “10%” in the column 2 rate of  
9 duty and inserting “28%”.

**10 SEC. 4. STAINLESS STEEL PIPES AND TUBES.**

11 (a) Subheading 7306.40.10 of the Harmonized Tariff  
12 Schedule of the United States is amended by striking  
13 “7.6%” in the General subcolumn of the column 1 rate  
14 of duty and inserting “10.1%”.

15 (b) Subheading 7306.40.50 of such Schedule is  
16 amended—

17 (1) by striking “5%” in the General subcolumn  
18 of the column 1 rate of duty and inserting “10.1%”;  
19 and

20 (2) by striking “11%” in the column 2 rate of  
21 duty and inserting “29%”.

**22 SEC. 5. NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY.**

23 In the event that a claim for compensation under any  
24 provision of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

1 or any other trade agreement to which the United States  
2 is a party is made by any Contracting Party to that agree-  
3 ment as a result of the amendments made by this Act,  
4 the United States Trade Representative is authorized to  
5 negotiate such reasonable compensation as may be appro-  
6 priate.

7 **SEC. 6. APPLICABILITY OF STAGED RATE REDUCTIONS**  
8 **UNDER THE UNITED STATES-CANADA FREE-**  
9 **TRADE AGREEMENT.**

10 (a) Any staged reduction of a special rate of duty set  
11 forth in subheading 7306.30.30 of the Harmonized Tariff  
12 Schedule of the United States that is proclaimed pursuant  
13 to the United States-Canada Free-Trade Agreement shall  
14 also apply to the corresponding special rate of duty set  
15 forth in subheading 7306.30.35 of such Schedule.

16 (b) Any staged reduction of a special rate of duty  
17 set forth in subheading 7306.30.50 of the Harmonized  
18 Tariff Schedule of the United States that is proclaimed  
19 pursuant to the United States-Canada Free-Trade Agree-  
20 ment shall also apply to the corresponding special rate of  
21 duty set forth in subheading 7306.30.55 of such Schedule.

22 (c) Any staged reduction of a special rate of duty set  
23 forth in subheading 7306.30.55 of the Harmonized Tariff  
24 Schedule of the United States (as redesignated by sub-  
25 section (a)(2)) that is proclaimed pursuant to the United

1 States-Canada Free-Trade Agreement shall also apply to  
2 the corresponding special rate of duty set forth in sub-  
3 heading 7306.30.60 of such Schedule.

4 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 Except as provided in section 8, the amendments  
6 made by sections 2, 3, and 4, shall apply with respect to  
7 goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consump-  
8 tion, on the earlier of—

9 (1) the date on which the President enters into  
10 a multilateral trade agreement negotiated through  
11 the Uruguay Round under the General Agreement  
12 on Tariffs and Trade; or

13 (2) January 1, 1994.

14 **SEC. 8. WAIVER.**

15 In the event that—

16 (1) negotiations on market access and tariffs in  
17 the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provide  
18 for a tariff rate elimination schedule on steel prod-  
19 ucts that will remove the tariff rate inversion on cer-  
20 tain pipe and tube products; and

21 (2) the President or the United States Trade  
22 Representative certifies in writing to the Committee  
23 on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives  
24 and the Committee on Finance of the Senate that  
25 such schedule will eliminate such tariff inversion;

1 the provisions of this Act shall not apply.

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